AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (New) A method for treating hypertension, which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a composition comprising a compound of formula (1):

$$R^{2}O$$
 CH=CHCOR³ (1)

wherein, R¹ and R² are the same or different and each independently represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a cycloalkenyl group, an alkoxyalkyl group, an aryl group, an alkylaryl group, an aralkyl group or an acyl group, R³ represents a hydroxyl group, an ester bond residue, or an amide bond residue, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and

wherein said compound of formula (1) is not ferulic acid.

- 5. (New) The method of Claim 4, wherein the compound of formula (1) is rosmarinic acid or phenethyl caffeate.
- 6. (New) The method of Claim 4, wherein the compound of formula (1) is 3-caffeoylquinic acid, 4-caffeoylquinic acid, or 5-caffeoylquinic acid.
- 7. (New) The method of Claim 4, wherein the alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkylaryl and aralkyl groups of R^1 or R^2 are derived from C_{1-40} alcohols or aryl alcohols.
- 8. (New) The method of Claim 4, wherein the acyl group of \mathbb{R}^1 or \mathbb{R}^2 is derived from C_{1-40} carboxylic acids.
 - 9. (New) The method of Claim 4, wherein R³ is an ester bond residue.

- 10. (New) The method of Claim 9, wherein the ester bond residue is selected from the group consisting of residues derived from linear C_{1-40} monohydric alcohols, residues derived from linear C_{1-40} polyhydric alcohols, residues derived from branched C_{1-40} monohydric alcohols, residues derived from branched C_{1-40} polyhydric alcohols, residues derived from hydroxyl-containing carboxylic acids, residues derived from sugar alcohols, and residues derived from sugars.
 - 11. (New) The method of Claim 4, wherein R³ is an amide bond residue.
- 12. (New) The method of Claim 11, wherein the amide bond residue is derived from water soluble amino acids.
- 13. (New) The method of Claim 4, wherein said effective amount ranges from 0.001 to 50 g.
- 14. (New) The method of Claim 4, wherein said composition further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
 - 15. (New) The method of Claim 4, wherein said administering is orally.
- 16. (New) The method of Claim 15, wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of tablets, granules, fine subtilates, pills, powders, hard capsules, soft capsules, troches, chewables and liquids.
 - 17. (New) The method of Claim 15, wherein said composition is in a liquid form.
- 18. (New) The method of Claim 17, wherein said compound of formula (1) is in an amount of 0.001 to 50 wt.%.
 - 19. (New) The method of Claim 4, wherein said administering is parenterally.